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1. STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET PUBLISHED ON
FEBRUARY 22 AN INTERVIEW WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS
NYERERE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. THE INTERVIEW WAS
CONDUCTED BY CHRISTINA JUTTERSTROM, THE PAPER'S NAIROBI
CORRESPONDENT, AND COINCIDED WITH THE VISIT TO
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DAR ES SALAAM OF SWEDISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
OLA ULLSTEN.

2. NYERERE'S RESPONSES REFLECTED A STARKLY PESSIMISTIC
VIEW OF THE BLACK NATIONALIST-WHITE RHODESIAN CONFLICT BEING
SETTLED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. HE MADE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) BEGIN QUOTE. INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE IS FAR IN THE FUTURE, HOW FAR DEPENDS ON WHAT PRESSURES THE POWERFUL COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO EXERT TO MAKE THE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME EFFECTIVE AND WHAT PRESSURES THE NATIONALISTS CAN MUSTER ON THE MILITARY SIDE. END QUOTE. NYERERE IS PICTURED AS CONVINCED THAT SMITH WILL NEVER BE OUSTED AS A RESULT ONLY OF NEGOTIATIONS. BEGIN QUOTE. IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE CONTINUED PRESSURES OF WAR AND INTENSIFIED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS THAT SMITH WILL BE CONVINCED THAT HE CANNOT WIN BUT HAS TO NEGOTIATE. END QUOTE.

(B) ON GENEVA, NYERERE REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED BUT ONLY BETWEEN THE UK AND THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS. THESE PARTIES SHOULD DECIDE ON THEIR OWN ON THE NEXT STEP. BEGIN QUOTE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I REALLY DID NOT BELIEVE IN NEGOTIATIONS A YEAR AGO. INSTEAD, I TRIED TO GET THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH TO DO NOTHING, BECAUSE THE PRESSURE ON SMITH WAS THEN NOT SUFFICIENT TO MAKE HIM GIVE IN. BUT KISSINGER CAME AND SAID THAT "WE HAVE THE POWER," AND NOW WE HAVE RETURNED TO THE OLD SITUATION. END QUOTE.

(C) NYERERE STATED THAT SMITH WOULD LIKE TO SEE CUBAN TROOP PARTICIPATION IN THE ZIMBABWE CONFLICT SINCE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD DRAW THE SOUTH AFRICANS INTO THE WAR, A SMITH OBJECTIVE. SMITH AND VORSTER COULD THEN PRESENT THE US WITH THE ARGUMENT, BEGIN QUOTE DON'T YOU SEE THAT THIS IS NO LIBERATION WAR. END QUOTE. NYERERE CONTINUES, BEGIN QUOTE BUT WE WILL NOT DO THEM THAT FAVOR. IF SMITH TOGETHER WITH SOUTH AFRICA INTERNATIONALIZES THIS WAR AND ENDANGERS THE NEIGHBORING STATES OF ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND BOTSWANA, THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE FREE TO SUMMON WHOM THEY WISH. I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE REGULAR TROOPS IN ZIMBABWE. VORSTER, WHO IS GOD TO THE AMERICANS, BUT THE DEVIL TO THE AFRICANS, IS THE GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE SMITH REGIME. WHEN THE BLOOD BATH COMES IN WHICH WHITE WOMEN AND MEN BEGIN TO BE KILLED, THE SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS WILL COME, AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO STAY OUT. END QUOTE.

3. PUBLICATION OF JUTTERSTROM'S INTERVIEW WITH NYERERE PRECEDED BY ONE DAY ANOTHER JUTTERSTROM REPORT FROM DAR ES SALAAM INDICATING A SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TWO ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS, ZAPU AND ZANU (SEE SEPTTEL). SMITH

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